

Amendments to the Drawings:

A replacement sheet of Fig. 16 is attached.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's first Office Action of December 15, 2005 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the drawings and claims, and the below Remarks directed thereto.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

Fig. 16 is amended to replace the reference character "98" with --89--;
independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of pending allowable, dependent claim 16 with respect to the rotatably, selectively positional turret of the recited slitter means;
dependent claims 3-26 are amended to omit the term "digital" from the preambles, so as to accord the preambles with the preambles of pending claims 1 and 2;
dependent claim 16 is further amended to conform with amended claim 1;
dependent claim 18 is further amended to replace "removable" with --removably--;
and
dependent claim 2 is unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding Drawing Objections

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendment to Fig16 to replace the reference character "98" with --89-- with respect to the sliding door is supported at page 14, lines 21-30 and in Fig. 6 of the present application and provides the correction required by the Examiner.

Regarding Claim Objections

Regarding preambles of claims 3-26

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendment to dependent claims 3-26 to omit the term "digital" from the preambles, so as to accord the preambles with the preambles of pending claims 1 and 2, provides the correction required by the Examiner.

Regarding "removable"

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendment to claim 18 to replace "removable" with --removably--, provides the correction required by the Examiner.

Regarding Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 14, 16-17 and 22-24 under the conditions stated in the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendment to independent claim 1, and therefore claims 2-26 dependent therefrom, to incorporate the allowable subject matter of pending claim 14, renders claim 1 allowable for at least the reasons discussed by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Regarding Provisional Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and dependent claims 2-26, which incorporates the allowable subject matter of pending claim 14 is patentably distinct over the subject matter of claims 2 and 6, 16, 16, 17, and 1 of the respective co-pending Application Nos. 10/760,220, 10/760,237, 10/760,180, 10/760,252, and 10/760,265 in view of Koike et al. (US 6,733,197), for at least the reasons discussed by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Regarding 35 USC 102(e) and 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and dependent claims 2-26, which incorporates the allowable subject matter of pending claim 14, is not disclosed or suggested by Koike either taken alone or on combination with any one or more of Silverbrook et al. (US 6,238,044), Nishikawa et al. (JP 2000-272111), Silverbrook et al. (US 6,609,787), Ishii et al. (JP 2003-54044), Silverbrook et al. (US 2002/0093569), and Otani et al. (US 6,106,094) , for at least the reasons discussed by the Examiner in the Office Action.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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